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SUBJECT: THE RICHARD HANNA CASE: NEXT STEPS

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- 1. DEPT CONCURS IN YOUR PURSUING HANNA CASE ALONG BOTH LINES YOU HAVE SUGGESTED, NAMELY LEAVING STIFF NOTE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH TEFERI BANTI TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. IN DISCUSSION WITH TEFERI YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT YOU WERE COMPELLED TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT IN THIS UNUSUAL FASHION AS NORMAL PROCEDURES HAD FAILED TO PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS. IF TEFERI RAISES SUBJECT OF NATIONAL SECURITY, YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT WE HAD BEEN SUCCESSIVELY INFORMED THAT A) THERE WERE NO CHARGES INVOLVING THIS SUBJECT IN THE FIRST PLACE AND B) ALL CHARGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. IN VIEW THIS STATE OF THINGS CONTINUED DETENTION OF HANNA, IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF TREATY OF AMITY, OF WHICH PMG HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY APPRISED, IS ALL THE MORE INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
- 2. LANGUAGE PROPOSED PARA 5 REFTEL SOUNDS FINE. YOU MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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ADD ORALLY TO FONMIN OR TEFERI THAT WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE

THAT HANNA CASE HAS NOT YET ATTRACTED PUBLIC OR WIDE-SPREAD OFFICIAL NOTICE IN US. HANNA IS A CONSTITUENT OF SENATOR SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE, WHOSE OFFICE HAS INQUIRED INTO STATUS OF CASE. IN VIEW OUR ASSURANCES, BASED ON INFORMATION FROM PMG, THAT CASE SEEMED ON WAY TO EARLY RESOLUTION, SPARKMAN'S OFFICE HAS NOT PRESSED ITS INQUIRIES BUT WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER INQUIRIES FROM HIM, AND LIKELY FROM OTHER CONGRESSMEN AS WELL AS PRESS, IF HANNA RELEASE DOES NOT OCCUR AT AN EARLY DATE. KISSINGER

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